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January 2,1919.

President Sir Robert Falconer,
University of Toronto.

Dear Mr.President:

I enclose a cablegram just received from Mr. Coventry. In the absence of other information I take it to mean that he does not foresee important academic service in England, and at the same time could not have his discharge from the military service without a request from you to the authorities.

Since there is a possibility of our being pressed for assistance toward the end of March or April,and if you concur in my interpretation of the conditions,I would be glad if this request could be sent.It would not be necessary,so far as I can see,that a cable message should be forwarded.

A matter which may be of some importance is that of Mr.Coventry's salary.I presume arrangements would have to be made for the full amount dating from the time he resigns his commission.

Yours sincerely,

B. A. Bensley

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May 9,1919.

President Sir Robert Falconer,

University of Toronto.

Dear Mr.President:

Mr.Alexander Henry Leim of the graduating class in Biology requests your support of his application for a Studentship under Section 3 of the regulations of the Honorary Advisory Council. His record as an undergraduate student of this Department is entirely satisfactory. He has a matriculation scholarship and two university scholarships to his credit,and has done some preliminary work of a research nature under Dr.Huntsman which is well spoken of. His intention is to work in Marine Biology under Dr.Huntsman and at the same time to register as a graduate student in the university.It is expected that he will ultimately go into the economic field if opportunity offers.

Yours sincerely,

B. A. Bensley

May 10th, 1919

Professor E. A. Beesley,

Biological Building.

Dear Professor Beesley:

Dr. Grebner is now making his final changes in the lists for the new calendar and he asks me to speak to you about having the heading of your department changed from "Biology" to "Zoology". He tells me that it would be a convenience for him in making up the time-table. I know also that Dr. Faull is strongly in favour of the change as he has spoken to me and written to me on more than one occasion about it.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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May 12, 1919.

President Sir Robert Falconer,
University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President:

Referring to your letter of May 10, concerning the advisability of changing the name of the department, it appears to me that the point raised by Mr. Brebner, which I know to have been the cause of some misunderstanding, could be met in the following ways:

(1) To set no more papers which are half zoology and half botany.

(2) To revise the sentence, occurring on p. 129 of the Arts Calendar, and referring to the instruction given in the department to read, -

"The lectures and practical work in this Department are given in the University Biological Building. The instruction includes courses in General Biology, Zoology, Comparative Anatomy, Histology and Embryology, these courses being indicated in the various prescriptions as Zoology 1, 2, 3 etc."

I may say that part of the confusion at present in regard to the courses results from the change to the new plan in the Pass Course, and this difficulty is temporary.

I do not favor the change in name of the department if the matter can be disposed of in another way. We have a good many interests both in relation to the various faculties and to the outside fields apart from those indicated in the Arts Calendar, and I would be glad to discuss them with you should you deem it advisable.

Yours sincerely,

B. A. Brusley.

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April 26th, 1919

Professor R. R. Hensley,

University of Chicago.

Dear Professor Hensley:

I reported to the Senate your acceptance of the offer of the Honorary degree of Doctor of Science. The Convocation for the conferring of the honorary degrees will be held on Thursday evening, June 5th, at 8 o'clock. Candidates for the honorary degrees are expected to bring their own gowns, but the hood appropriate to the degree will be supplied by the University.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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May 21st, 1919

Professor R. H. Beasley,

University of Chicago,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Professor Beasley:

If you have made no private arrangements for yourself during your stay in Toronto the University hopes to entertain you as its guest at the King Edward Hotel. Will you please let us know so that I may make reservation for you ?

Yours sincerely,

President.

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5447 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, May 26th., 1919

President Sir Robert Falconer,

University of Toronto,

Toronto, Canada

My dear President Falconer:

It is very thoughtful of you to invite me to be the guest of the University of Toronto during my visit next week. As you know my brother lives there, and I am planning to spend the few days I shall be in Toronto with him.

Thanking you again for your invitation,

I remain,

very sincerely yours,

R R Bensley